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SUBJECT: MUGABE CONVEYS JULY 4 MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BUSH

- 11. On July 5, post received a letter from President Mugabe to President Bush conveying the former's congratulations on the occasion of July 4th. The original letter has been forwarded by diplomatic pouch to AF/S.
- 12. The text of President Mugabe's letter is as follows:

27 June 2002

Mr. President,

On behalf of the Government and the people of Zimbabwe, and on my own behalf, I convey to Your Excellency and through you to the Government and people of the United States of America, profound congratulations on your country's attainment of 226 years of sovereign independence.

I am confident that the years ahead will witness great improvements in relations between our two countries.

I wish you continued good health, and peace and prosperity for the people of the United States of America. $\,$

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of $\ensuremath{\mathsf{my}}$ highest consideration.

Yours sincerely, R.G. Mugabe President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America Washington, DC United States of America. End Text

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